Fort Ramsay at Upton's Hill Va.
December th 19th 1862

Miss Deborah Weston!

Your Boy which
is send to me the
28th November I recieved last
Thursday — Containing every
thing, you Notified me in the
last letter. —

I thank Mrs Weston very much
for Sending me the Tea &
Sugar — I believe that I will
not get Sick so long the
Tea is holding out —

Ms.A.9.2.31, 31

The Weather has changed here for it is quite Winter since last Friday, it began to Snow to us with Sleet, it & cleared up about the time I beginning the Letter of the Brown, and got very Cold, the frost is 3 — 4 inch in the Ground, and the Roads are Slippery —

I would have write to you Sooner but we all were very busy in building a Stable for the Horses, & Staking our tents

We are by this time Comfortable We got a Fire place in the tent with a Chemney in the rear, but not quite finished ——

it seems as when We will remain here this Winter. for We made a Requisition of Boards & Nails to make the Horses and us Comfortable during the Season!

I have To close it smoke so bad in the tent, that I can not keep my Eyes open, We got To become more at the Chimney —

Last Sunday I am promoted To Corporal

My best love To Mrs Weston and To you all

Respectfully yours

Corporal Augustus Howe
9th Mass Battery Capt. De Veuve
Fort Ramsay at Upton's Hill
near Washington D. C.

1944

WB.

I thank you for the kindness in sending the Stamps in your letter — I cant buy more for I got out a Cent of Money in my possession

We put not get our pay yet but the List is going in a Month ago! —

Ms. Am. 2.31.31